



July 2010

Dear New Students & Parents,

My name is Sierra Richmond and I want to welcome you to third grade! I am delighted to have you in my class and look forward to a fun and productive school year!

I hope you have been having a terrific summer. I would like to tell you about some of the interesting things that we will learn about in third grade. Some of the things you will learn are writing in *cursive*, **multiplication**, **division**, and telling time. Some of the things you'll study are **biographies**, **landforms**, **maps**, American tall tales, earthworms, soil, **China**, **endangered animals**, carnivorous plants, and **the sun, the moon, and the stars!**

On the back of this letter is a list of supplies that your child will need for third grade, as well as a list of suggested donations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 732-6137, x43301 (*I'll be at HES starting on Tuesday, July 6th*) and leave me a voice-mail message, or e-mail me at sierra.richmond@orange.k12.nc.us or find information at <http://richmondsroom.wikispaces.com/>.

Parents & Caretakers, This year I am going to try to use less paper. My newsletters and other written correspondence will be through email. I would like to have an email address for each family. If you do not have access to email, I will be happy to send home paper copies.

I would greatly appreciate if you filled out the enclosed forms by Wednesday of the first week of school: *Tell Me About Your Child, I Can Help By*, (*these are also available as a survey online, just visit my website*), & *My Child Is a Superstar*. You can send these back in your child's homework folder. *Tell Me About Your Child* helps me get to know your unique child, and we will use the *Superstar* forms to make a confidence-boosting display in the classroom at the opening of the school year. Please also send in a favorite photograph of your child to go along with the Superstar form (*pictures & forms will be returned*). The *I Can Help By* checklist lets us know how you prefer to help out in the classroom or at home. Many thanks in advance!



I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, July 8th, from 2:00-4:00pm for "Meet & Greet". If you can't make it on Thursday, I will see you on the first day of school, Monday, July 12th. Parents we will have our "Open House" on Thursday, July 15th, from 6:00 - 7:00pm. This will give us a chance to go over some things for the upcoming school year.



Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Richmond's SUPPLY LIST July 2010

- 🐞 1 small pencil case/box to hold supplies (which will fit easily in desk along with other items)
- 🐞 1 child safe scissors (goes in pencil case/box)
- 🐞 1 box of colored pencils or markers (all need to fit in pencil case/box)
- 🐞 1 hand held pencil sharpener w/container that holds shavings (good for sharpening colored pencils)
- 🐞 1 clip-board (for class work)
- 🐞 1 1-inch 3-ring binder (w/ plastic view cover and inside pockets)
- 🐞 4 heavy-duty folders with left and right side square pockets
- 🐞 2 non-spiral wide-ruled notebook (composition notebooks work well)

Any of the above items that you can label in advance will be much appreciated.

- 🐞 1 pack of loose-leaf paper (not college ruled)
- 🐞 1 family-sized box of tissues (Girls Only)
- 🐞 1 container of baby wipes (Boys Only)
- 🐞 2 highlighters, any color
- 🐞 Dry Erase Markers (at least 2, any color)
- 🐞 2 Pink Pearl erasers or something equivalent
- 🐞 2 glue sticks (no liquid glue)
- 🐞 1 pack of 24 quality, non-decorated pencils

Scissors, crayons/colored pencils/markers, highlighter, an eraser, pencil sharpener and markers will need to fit in the pencil case. Extra pencils, glue sticks, erasers or other supplies will be collected and passed out during the school year.



BACKPACKS & LOCKERS :

Your child's backpack, regular or rolling, needs to be able to fit easily into his/her locker for safety and space reasons. The dimensions of the lockers are 11x11x30 inches (11 inches wide and deep and 30 inches tall). Your child should be able to fit his/her backpack, coat or jacket and lunchbox inside the locker. Many rolling backpacks do not fit into the lockers, so please be careful to measure your child's backpack if he/she gets a rolling backpack—thanks! Rolling backpacks that are too big will be sent home. **Backpacks will not be stored in the classroom due to limited space and safety.**

HELPFUL DONATIONS :

- ❖ Treats, small toys and fun whatnots for the Class Store/Treasure Box
- ❖ Hand Sanitizer
- ❖ Zip-Lock Bags (quart and gallon size)
- ❖ Band-Aids
- ❖ Stamp pads and Stamps
- ❖ (Extra) crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- ❖ Pencil top erasers
- ❖ Packs of holiday pencils to give out as treats
- ❖ Permanent markers in different colors (for teacher use)

*We will have 20 students in
our classroom.*